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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE ON APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND
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1. I AM CONFIDENT NIGER GOVERNMENT WOULD WELCOME
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ALONG LINES PROPOSED REFTEL. PRESIDENT DIORI AND SEVERAL

MINISTERS HAVE SPOKEN TO ME (AND PREVIOUSLY TO AMBASSADRO MCCLELLAND) ABOUT THEIR GREAT ADMIRATION OF US SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND THEIR HOPE THAT RESULTS OF SPACE SXPLOATION AND SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY COULD BE APPLIED TO SAHELIAN PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT AND NEIGHBORING POSTS WILL ALSO RECALL ABIDING INTEREST OF GON IN WEATHER MODIFICATION AND PERSISTENT EFFORTS MADE TO ENLIST USG ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD. WHILE CONFERENCE MIGHT AROUSE UNREALIZABLE EXPECTATIONS, IT MORE LIKELY THAT WELL PLANNED MEETING WOULD SERVE AS EDUCATIVE FORUM TO ACQUAINT PARTICIPATING STATES WITH CAPABILITIES AS WELL AS LIMITATIONS OF SCIENCE IN MEETING PROBLEMS OF DROUGHT. MEETING MIGHT ALSO EMRVE AS CATALYST TO ENCOURAGE SAHELIAN GOVERNMENTS TO THINK MORE IN REGIONAL TERMS WHEN PLANNING MEASURES TO FIGHT DROUGHT (I.E. WEATHER MODIFICATION).

2. WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS FURTHER AT ABIDJAN COM MEETING.
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